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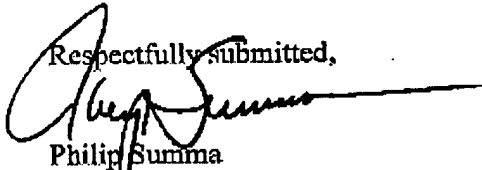
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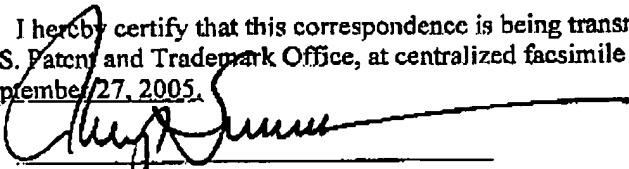
Sir:

More than nine (9) months have passed since the filing of the above-referenced application. The application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB03/002771. Both PAIR and Applicant's postcard receipt confirm that the case was filed on December 15, 2004. Nevertheless, no filing receipt has been issued and PAIR indicates that the case has been in PCT-Central Files since at least March 7, 2005; i.e., over six (6) months ago. Applicant accordingly requests that a filing receipt be issued and that the application be assigned to an Examiner at the earliest opportunity.

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